

POEM BY UNCLE JOHN

"THE OLD HOME PAPER"

How fondly I dream of the old county weekly, that came every Friday when boyhood was mine; my Dad read aloud, and we all listened meekly, and stayed up till midnight, to hear every line.

But now how I choke on the big city daily, I've mental dyspepsia, and ringworm and gout, the slush in its mazes bewilders me really, till I am submerged in a quagmire of doubt.

And so, I hark back to the old County Weekly, the gem of my boyhood, the charm of my youth; I gaze at the riff-raff, and shake my head meekly, and long for the Weekly that peddled the truth, the old County Weekly, the honest old Weekly, the bald-headed Weekly that peddled the truth.

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EDITORIAL

We have the name of a country boy who would like to go to school in North Platte and who would like to find a place where he can stay and work for his board and room.

Some time ago we announced that the Mutual Building & Loan Association has gained in paid-up stock and its assets every month over the preceding month. We now learn that it has kept up the record during December and that during the month it has gained over twenty-one thousand dollars. This is a unique record. We are informed that there probably is no other association in the state which has made such progress. Its assets are now \$1,577,377.85 which gives it a position of power in the building up of the city of North Platte.

Governor McKelvie is saying he will call a special session of the

state legislature for next month to pass a bill taxing gasoline one cent a gallon for the benefit of the state highway fund. There are some good arguments in favor of this scheme and the best are given elsewhere in this paper over the signature of the governor. Then almost any auto owner can give you some good reasons against the passage of such a law. We are impartial but we do hope neither the governor nor anyone else will think up a law to tax anything about bicycles.

Judge Woodhurst tells of a young man who came into his office more than a year ago and asked for a marriage license. Everything was all right so the judge issued the license and the young man went his way. About a year later the same young man happened to be in the judge's office on some business and the judge asked him why he got a license and never got married. He said he did get married and the judge told him that the certificate had never been received. He asked him who married him and the young man said "You did." "I only gave you the license," said the judge. "Well, we thought that was all we needed so we just put it away," said the young man. The matter was explained to him and he hurried to have the ceremony performed.

The night school will open next Monday evening. It has long been a dream with a number of North Platte people and now it is to be tried out. Formerly it was thought to be too expensive but we are told that ways have been found for handling the classes so that it will not add anything to the taxes. The night school is under the direct control of the board of education. It is being fostered by a composite committee composed of ten railroad employees, ten business men and ten women. The school is being opened at a very favorable time when quite a number are out of employment and others are working shorter hours. It is making a strong appeal to the people of the city as is shown by the advance enrollments which number about 450. The opportunity is offered for some really good work and it looks like the people are going to make the most of it.

Our civil officers should have the united support of all good citizens in their efforts to enforce the law. It is comparatively easy to secure conviction of burglars, murderers, robbers and such classes of criminals because of the nature of the crime but it is much more difficult to get evidence against a gambler or a bootlegger or a keeper of a disorderly house. There is no fixed line where taking of chance leaves off and

gambling begins. Shaking dice for cigars is gambling in the opinion of some people. Others do not think that the friendly wagering of \$25 on the results of a foot ball game is gambling. Since there is no certain line where gambling begins there will always be a difference of opinion as to whether officials are enforcing the law. But there are certain things which all people will agree are gambling and the uncertainty regarding the forms of gambling which are in question should not confuse the officers regarding the forms that are beyond question.

THE GASOLINE TAX IS EXPLAINED BY ITS CHIEF PROMOTER

The following statement by Governor McKelvie was issued yesterday and explains why he proposes to call the state legislature in special session to enact a gasoline tax and whatever other business may properly come before it. The statement follows:

"In order that I may correct some of the misimpressions that have gone out regarding the gasoline tax, I submit the following facts: 'At the present time twelve states have this tax. They are Washington, Montana, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, South Dakota, Arkansas, Kentucky, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Florida. In each of these states it is working splendidly and is highly popular with the people.'

"A tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline in Nebraska would raise about \$750,000 per year. This would be used to meet federal aid for road building purposes and would displace all other taxes that are now levied for that purpose. It would not, however, affect the automobile license tax which is used for road maintenance in the counties in which it is collected.

"The gasoline tax would not be an additional tax, but would serve to reduce the general fund levy 10 percent. The general fund levy for the year 1921 was 3 mills in the actual assessed value of the state. Thus it is easy for every property owner to figure just what this reduction would mean to him.

"The gasoline tax is not a sales tax in the sense that this term is usually employed. A sales tax is a tax that is levied upon the necessities of life to produce revenue for general government use. The gasoline tax is an excise tax that is levied upon a particular article for the special purpose of building roads. The sales tax falls unevenly upon all the people for the poor man uses just as much of the actual necessities of life as the rich man, but the gasoline tax falls only upon those who use automobiles or other vehicles and then only in proportion to the amount of gasoline used. No tax could be more equitable than this, and after all, equity is the very heart of the tax question.

"The single taxer does not like the gasoline tax for he would have all of the tax for road improvement levied against the land. This theory would probably not appeal very strongly to property owners throughout the state. The effect of the gasoline tax will be to tax land and other property less and tax those who use the roads more.

"The gasoline tax will catch the thousands of tourists who heretofore have used Nebraska's roads without contributing anything to their support, and will thus bring into the state thousands of dollars of new revenue.

"The cost for collecting the gasoline tax will be almost nothing. In Washington it cost less than \$500.00 to collect nearly a half a million dol-

lars, and in New Mexico the cost of collection has been only a fraction of one per cent.

"The cost of the special session should cost less than \$15,000.00.

"Some states exempt gasoline that is used for other purposes than motor vehicles. This can be done if the legislature desires, but it amounts to less than one per cent of the total in other states.

"Samuel R. McKelvie Governor."

LEST WE FORGET

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Mrs. Joseph Condit will go to Omaha next week to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. T. O'Keefe and daughter, Margaret, will go to Kearney today to visit.

Rev. Patrick McDaid is receiving medical treatment in a Grand Island hospital.

Carl Backers returned the first of the week from Missouri where he spent the holidays with his mother.

George Frater is able to be at his store again after being ill for several days.

Mrs. George Pass returned to her home in Iowa yesterday after visiting her mother, Mrs. McComber.

W. H. Crabtree of Sutherland transacted business in the city on Tuesday.

Mrs. Esther Robeson returned yesterday from Colorado Springs where she spent the holidays.

Miss Jennie O'Connell had her tonsils removed at a Grand Island hospital this week.

Mr. John Corbitt and daughter, Ella, of Wallace were guests at the Timothy Hanfin home yesterday en route to Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Macho returned Wednesday from Grand Island where they spent the holidays with friends.

Mrs. Oscar Westenfeld returned yesterday from Grand Island where she spent the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Garrison arrived the latter part of the week from Gering and will make their future home in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Weir returned Wednesday from Sterling where they were called by the death of the former's brother.

Ten number of 1922 auto licenses issued during December was 1391. More than 500 licenses were issued during the first three days in January.

Charles Weir left yesterday for Omaha. Mrs. Weir and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Peterson will leave the middle of the month for Omaha where they will make their future home.

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The official board of the Presbyterian church here has extended a call to Rev. N. P. Patterson of Ada, Oklahoma and he has accepted and sends word that he will be here about January 15.

Amos A. Ross purchased the Bowling alley and pool room recently owned by A. E. Bell. Mr. Ross has had possession of this business before and says he has never had any trouble and does not expect to have any now. Mr. Ross took possession yesterday.

Miss Geridine Tracewell of Valentine has accepted a position as teacher of the fourth and fifth grades in the Lincoln school. Miss Tracewell succeeds Miss McVane who has been transferred to Junior High in place of Miss Hart who has been transferred to Junior High in place of Miss Hart who was unable to reenter school because of her mother's health.

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